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SUBJECT: CABINET COMMUNIQUE JAN 18 ON UNSC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

1. FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT OF JAN 18 CABINET COMMUNIQUE
ON ISRAELI POSITION REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE
EAST DEBATE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REVIEWED CURRENT POLITICAL ISSUES,
INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN
THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND SUPPLEMENTED THE REPOORT ON
HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE DEBATE IN THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT THE PICTURE
WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR. IT EMERGES
THAT THE DISPUTE IN THE ARAB CAMP PERSISTS, BUT THE
EFFORTS OF THE ARAB
DER GATES RCO ARRIVE AT AND AGREED
DRAFT RESOLUTION ARE CONTINUING.

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4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REMARKED THAT THE ARAB DELEGATES--AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE P.L. O. REPRESENTATIVE, KADOUMI--EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN A HARSH AND EXTREME FASHION.

5. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED WITH CONCERN THE EXTANT POSSIBILITY--IN THE COURSE OF THE MANEUVERING IN THE COUNCIL--OF A TACTICAL DRAFT RESOLUTION BEING SUBMITTED, DESIGNED TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. TO EXERCISE ITS VETO RIGHT. ISRAEL IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN CLARIFYING TO ITS FRIENDS THE DECISIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATURAL TREATMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS, AND A RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT BY AN OPERATIVE BODY SUCH AS THE SECURITY COUNCIL--WITH ALL THAT IT ENTAILED. MR. ALLON FURTHER NOTED THAT IT WAS AS YET UNKNOWN WHEN THE MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE CONCLUDED.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED THAT DEVELOPMENTS PROVED THAT ISRAEL WAS INDEED JUSTIFIED IN ITS RESOLVE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CURRENT MIDDLE EAST DEBATE. THIS WAS NOT MERELY AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE NEGATIVE CLAUSES INCLUDED IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 381 OF 30 NOVEMBER 1975,DD BUT BECAUSE THIS WAS IN THE NATURE OF A DETERRENT POLITICAL MOVE FOR THE FUTURE, SHOULD AN ATTEMPT BE MADE TO IMPOSE ON ISRAEL A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO IT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

7. MR. ALLON STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH ISRAEL WAS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CURRENT SESSION ISRAEL'S VOICE WAS BEING HEARD IN THE WORLD, AND BOTH THE AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA GAVE FITTING EXPRESSION TO ISRAEL'S POSITION ON THE SUBJECT.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTED THAT IN THE TALKS HE HELD IN WASHINGTON, POSITIONS WERE COORDINATED ON SUBJECTS UP FOR DISCUSSION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL--IN ADDITION TO A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CURRENT UNCLASSIFIED

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GLOBAL AND REGIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES.

9. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO MR. ALLON THAT THE U.S. INTERPRETATION IS THAT REFERENCE TO THE "U.N.'S RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS" IN RESOLUTION 381 RELATES ONLY TO THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DEBATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND NOT TO ITS CONCLUSIONS, WHICH MUST BE BASED ONLY ON

RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THE U.S. WILL OPPOSE THE P.L.O.'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

10. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO ISRAEL THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT PERMIT CHNGING-DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY--THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THE U.S. WILL OPVPOSE ANY TENDENCY TO TRANSFORM THE SECURUTY COUNCIL INTO A FREMEWORK FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS THE INCLUSION OF ANY COERCIVE ELEMENT IN THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS. MR. ALLON VOICED SATISFACTION WITH THE U.S. VOTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST THE P.L.O.'S PARTIIPATION IN THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS.

11. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BWTWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS HOSTS, THAT IN THE EVENT OF ANY NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, RECIPROCAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISREL BY VIRTUE OF THE U.S.'S RIGHT TO DEMAND A BREAK IN THE COUNCIL'S DELIBERATIONS. END TEXT.
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